



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk

As part of our Catholic faith, Mary, the mother of Jesus, is an extremely important person.

One story which often resonates with older primary children was the time young Jesus was lost from his parents' care (Luke 2:41-52).

A day after travelling back from the Passover in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph were alarmed to find the twelve year old Jesus was not with the caravan of travellers returning home. Jerusalem's population at the time was possibly around 25,000 people but, during the Passover, may have swelled to as many as 100,000. You can imagine a frantic Mary and Joseph travelling against this tide trying to seek their missing child.

Of course, the story ends well, as after three days, they discover Jesus in the main synagogue, surrounded by learned men aghast at the wisdom of this natural born scholar. Frustrated Mary appears to scold Jesus 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.' 'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he was saying to them.'

The passage then ends 'And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart'.

To me, this is a clear recognition of the humanity of the person of Mary, a good mother struggling with the vagaries, confusions and surprises of parenting.

I'm sure many of you can relate to this story – that stomach churning terror when you realise a child is missing, even if only for ten minutes.

My wife often tells the story of seeing my three year old pass through the electronic doors on to the road, as she waited at the grocery check out in Bundaberg. If not for the common sense of a stranger, this story could be sadly more significant to us, a date and time forever etched on our memories.

I'm sure you have ached at some time contemplating the grief of the Morcombe family and the tragic loss of their son, Daniel. (Now 20 years ago.) This Friday 27th, we remember, not just Daniel, but also the legacy his family has chosen to create for him in the Day for Daniel.

The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right.

The objectives of Day for Daniel are:

- To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children.
- To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to 'Recognise, React and Report'.
- To provide free safety and educational material.
- To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe.

Day for Daniel is also an opportunity for Australians to make a statement that crimes against children are not acceptable.

Tomorrow, we invite our children to wear red socks or a red ribbon in recognition of Day for Daniel.

Take care

Max Martin

From Our APRE

Today, we celebrate World Teachers' Day here at Sacred Heart. It is a day where we celebrate our whole staff.

It's an occasion where people all around the world show their appreciation to educators for the important role they play in our lives and for all that is great about our school.

Our staff is entrusted with nurturing your child/ren, developing their skills, talents and personal traits.

Education has the capability of unlocking many doors in life.

World Teachers' Day reminds us of the importance of learning and encourages everyone to support education.

Let's take a moment to appreciate those who assist our students well and how important education is in all of our lives.



The Rosary

October is traditionally known by Catholics as the month of the Rosary.

This week, each class participated in an interactive session about this prayer.

We learnt about how the stories in Jesus' life relate to the Rosary, why there are so many beads on a set of Rosary beads, what they mean and the relevance of the Rosary for us.

Hopefully your children will be able to explain some of the information they gained during this time.

All the best

Melissa Collins

From Our APC

Last Thursday and Friday, along with members from all education sectors in our region, I attended Queensland Curriculum and Assessment authority (QCAA) professional development days for English and Mathematics Assessments, unpacking the new Version 9 curriculum.

We sifted through the new curriculum to consider how to provide the right environment for, and respond to the needs of young learners to discover, explore, play, create and express their thoughts and ideas.

Curriculum and assessment plans are developed using our school's pedagogy, as well as QCAA and the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA) guidelines.

When designing assessments, it is important to keep in mind that it is an ongoing process of gathering, analysing and reflecting on evidence to make informed judgements about the achievement or capabilities of our learners.

Assessment also plays an integral role in improving learning and informing teaching. Next year, our teachers will have the opportunity to work collaboratively to refine and realign learning sequences and assessments as we implement the new curriculum for English and Mathematics.

The following links will provide information for families on the Australian curriculum.

[Prep](#)

[Years 1 and 2](#)

[Years 3 and 4](#)

[Years 5 and 6](#)

Have a wonderful week

Lisa List.

Important Dates Term 3 and 4

October

- Friday 27th - Whole school assembly with Year 2W presenting.
- Friday 27th - International Teacher's Day
- Friday 27th - Day for Daniel
- Friday 27th - Mini Vinnies' 3 hour touch football game 5pm to 8pm.

November

- Friday 3rd - Grandparent's Day assembly, morning tea and brief concert
- Friday 3rd - Mass with Prep attending
- Monday 6th - Year 6 camp (returning 10 November)
- Friday 10th - Whole school assembly 5L presenting. Remembrance day
- Monday 13th - Year 6 girls St Ursula's College orientation day
- Friday 17th - Prep to 3 swimming carnival
- Tuesday 21st - Presentation Day
- Tuesday 21st - Instrumental concert
- Tuesday 21st - Whole school assembly
- Friday 24th - Colour fun run for St Vincent de Paul Christma Appeal
- Monday 27th - End of year thanksgiving mass
- Monday 27th - Year 6 dinner MPA from 5.30pm
- Tuesday 28th - Christmas concert in MPA with all year levels presenting

December

- Friday 1st - Final day term 4. End of year assembly 8.40am.
- Thursday 7th - Our school offices closes at 1pm.

Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

Here is the Sacred Heart Church bulletin for this week. Stay connected and enjoy. [Link to Bulletin](#)

Lantern Awards



Lucy Goldman Year 1 Compassion - For looking after a classmate and bringing them to the multi-purpose area.

Lelani Goody Year 1 Courage - For being very brave and coming to the multi-purpose area in the mornings.

Banjo Odewahn Year 1 Compassion - For showing kindness and compassion to a friend during a soccer game at lunch break. You are a wonderful friend.

Halle Moger Year 3 Compassion - For helping others in the playground and classroom. Your kindness towards others is admirable.

Frankie Kenny Year 3 Compassion - Your kindness towards peers and teachers is greatly appreciated. You are always encouraging others to achieve their goals.

Taye Warner Year 3 Compassion - For the politeness you display both in and outside the classroom. You are a great role model for others.

Hunter Hare Year 3 Compassion - For your constant words of encouragement towards your peers during P.E lessons, always motivating others to do their best.

Logan Lowry Year 4 Compassion - For being caring and concerned about your younger brother at school.

Bodhi Lewis Year 5 Compassion - For supporting a classmate to complete a task in a caring and respectful manner.



Student Awards

Prep	Isla Rae Kani, Ryan Scoleri, Ethan Mahony, Ayva Pattel, Ryder Moloney, Toby Toohey, Ayla Hamrey, Addison Kinsey, Lotte Perara
Year 1	Alexis Hutchison, Lizzie Crick, Jaxon Condon, Finnlay Beecheno, Van Richter, Stella Seymour, Quinn Campaniello, Kai Elliot, Axel Sutton, Sophie Donald, Chloe Tselepis
Year 2	Fletcher Thompson, Finnley McElholum, Jack McCartney, Wynter McAllister, Clay Ferrier, Maddison Nixon, George Tselepis, Kelly Coghill
Year 4	Isabella Brans, Isla Goltz, Michael Bartlett, Blake McQuillen
Year 5	Brendan Gilbride, Aria Richards, Charlotte Solis, Alex Todd, Archie McPherson, Romey Wyatte, Harley Neale, Dylan Barnes, Maya Read
Year 6	Evie Lewis, Preston Wolff, Spencer Toby, Isabella Todman, Amahni Manz, Ashton Finch

Mini Vinnies' Christmas Appeal

This Friday, our 2023 Mini Vinnies' Christmas appeal will be launched.

This year, our local St Vincent de Paul wishes to provide substantial food hampers to needy families and individuals in our local community.

Your donations of items (groceries, vouchers, gifts) for our Christmas appeal will be very much appreciated.

These can be left at our school's front office.

No Swimming Lessons Tuesday Next Week

A reminder to families that there will be no swimming lessons for Years 2 and 3 next Tuesday (Week 5).

The final lesson of the term will be Tuesday, Week 6.

2024 Capricornia Sport Swimming and Aquathon Selection Procedures and Nomination Forms

Follow the links below for information in regard to Capricornia swimming and aquathon selection and nomination forms.

[2024 Capricornia 10-12yrs Swimming Team SELECTION PROCEDURE](#)

[2024 Cap 10-12 yrs Swimming Nomination Form](#)

[2024 Cap 10-12 yrs Aquathon Nomination Form/Selection Procedures](#)

Parents Connect Uniform Pop-up Shop

Our Parents Connect group will be holding a Sacred Heart school uniform pop-up shop on Thursday 2nd November in our music room from 8am - 8:40am for any families looking to buy good condition second hand school uniforms.

There will be a variety of sizes available of shirts, shorts and tracksuit pants. Further donations can be brought to the office prior to the day.

Cash only please. All money collected will be used to fund our Breakfast Club.

Grandparents' Day



Next Friday 3rd November, we will be celebrating Grandparents' Day at Sacred Heart.

An assembly will be held at 8.40am.

Morning tea will be provided by our Parents Connect group. There will also be a brief concert to entertain those in attendance.

All families are invited, especially our grandparents.

Hope to see you there.

Year 3 Excursion - Great Keppel Island

Yesterday, our Year 3s visited Great Keppel Island as part of the environmental studies in HaSS. A great day was had by all. Following are some thoughts on this excursion.

"The sandcastle competition was very enjoyable. The groups came up with very unique ideas". Willow

"Swimming twice in the day was a special treat". Brock

"We were lucky to have a fun, smooth boat ride to and from the island". Flynn

"It was interesting to see the coral bleaching, lots of jellyfish and the different types of fish. Marleigh and Harris I enjoyed going on the glass bottom boat and seeing the coral and a stingray". Isla

"The best part about our excursion to Keppel Island was when we got to have a sand building competition against Mr Martin and Mr Gould". Ben

"We went swimming on our day to Keppel Island and I saw a jellyfish. It was fun". Levi

"I loved the glass bottom boat. I saw a blue dory fish with yellow fins". William

"I loved swimming and having the waves crash against me. It was fun!" - James

"I loved the ferry ride over and back because I felt free and at peace with the waves splashing and the boat moving up and down." Evelyn

"I learnt that the large fish when we were on the glass bottom boat was actually a type of shark." Frankie

"I learnt more about some of the animals that live in the deep water of the Great Barrier Reef." Maci





2024 Prep Orientation Sessions

Next week, we are welcoming our 2024 Prep children and their parents/carers to Sacred Heart as they attend an orientation session.

These will be held on Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am to 10.30am and on Wednesday 1.45pm to 2.45pm.

Looking forward to meeting the newest members of our school family.

Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme



Applications for the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) opened on Sunday 1st October and will close on Tuesday 31st October 2023. Are you eligible to apply? Visit the website to find out: <https://www.schooltransport.com.au/>

By Isla - Prep



An example of a villanelle poem

I am just me, young and worried.
 In a world where we're fleeing
 Because the governments disagreed.

There are bombs and sirens going off
 Because the enemy wants us to go
 I am just me, young and worried.

What were buildings, are now piles of rubbish
 We have nowhere to stay without having to pay
 Because the governments disagreed.

All the survivors who stayed have been thrown away
 And they pray each and every day
 I am just me, young and worried.

The animals and nature have all been destroyed
 The birds have stopped singing and the trees are no more
 Because the governments disagreed.

Where I used to live has vanished into thin air
 Why can't we and all the enemy just get along
 I am just me, young and worried
 Because the governments must agree.

By Nicholas Year 6



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Why preserve our piece of history?

Upkeep and preservation of St Joseph's Cathedral is a costly expense. From 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, the Diocese incurred costs of \$173,000. With insurance costs rising sharply and ongoing repairs and maintenance, annual costs are expected to exceed \$700,000 per annum.

Your contribution can help continue the tradition of the Catholic community to preserve the Cathedral for future generations, as a major historical landmark of one of the great cities of central Queensland. It has a special association with our identity for the Catholic Community of Central Queensland as our cathedral.



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